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The Hillbillies came back and Community Choir theatre fans are glad they did



A new kind of critter

Jed Clampett and Grannie Moses are more than a little distraught. Elly May has drug in some new kind o' critter, and she wants to keep him. Don Conrad and Linda Grabas are back in their 1995 roles as Jed and Grannie, with Amy Charter as the new version of Elly May and Oliver Buck as the hapless oil company land man, George Turner.

VICKI BROOKER PHOTO

By VICKI BROOKER

Staff Writer

"Y'all come back now, y' hear?" was the parting admonishment at Elk Point Community Choir and Friends' 1995 presentation of 'The Beverly Hillbillies,' and the first three packed crowds to attend the 2006 version of the same play are glad they did.

The four-performance run of more than a decade ago has grown to nine this year, with shows Friday, Saturday and for the first time, Sunday nights, on the first three weekends of March, and tickets are sold out for all of them.

Some of the stars of the 1995 show are back in the cast lineup, and Grannie (Linda Grabas), Jed (Don Conrad, the intrepid detective Lt. Frank Richards (Lawrence Pidluzny) and southern-fried phony, Col. Foxhall (Udo Mueller) don't look a day older - it must be due to all those Beverly Hills spas and beauty salons.

Amy Charter stars as the new version's critter-huntin' tomboy, Elly May, with Dixie Coleman as that epitome of backwoods culture, Cousin Pearl, and Shelby Mueller as Pearl's too-handsome-for-his-own-good son, Jethro.

The beginning of the story may sound familiar to the rural community, as oil company men, played by Oliver Buck and Shilo Salzman, come to offer the Clampetts a whopping sum of money for their oil-slicked swampland. But, by doggies, we just can't recall any of the local folk taking off for Beverly Hills to spend their newfound wealth.

It's not that Beverly Hills, with the exception of pompous banker Milburn Drysdale (John Sieben) and his unflappable right-hand woman, Miss Hathaway (Velma Hudson), is ready to welcome the newcomers. Mrs. Drysdale (Debbie Lawrence) is understandably distraught, and the Pennyweathers (Cathy Closs and Jordan Sieben) turn up their aristocratic noses - until they sniff the fragrance of new money. The Oglethorpes (John and Mabel Gottenbos) and Mrs. Stokely-Smythe (Vicki Lumley) are at least willing to give the hillbillies the benefit of a doubt, and the firemen (John Gottenbos and Shilo Salzman) are always happy to be where the action is hottest.

"They're payin' me in some new kinda dollars... They're called millyun dollars."

- Jed Clampett

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Elk Point's train station project back on chamber agenda

By VICKI BROOKER

Review Staff

Elk Point and District Chamber of Commerce is backing up and taking a fresh run at their dream of locating a train station in the staging area along the Iron Horse Trail.

Both the chamber and the economic development committee got a glimpse of the new concept presented by chamber member Loree Aarbo last week. Aarbo brought in her artistic concept for a new building in the style of the original Elk Point station, but with a functional interior layout geared to today's needs.

A single-storey wing would house office space which Aarbo felt could be rented out to a government agency to help offset the building's operating costs. The two-storey central portion would have "a grand foyer, a central fireplace, and a great room for gatherings," Aarbo said, as well as centralized washroom facilities on the main floor and a roomy board room with its own washrooms upstairs. She felt the two-storey-high foyer would provide ample space for a tourist information desk and brochure displays.

The single-storey wing on the east side would be balanced by a covered patio area

on the west, which could be furnished with picnic tables. If additional space for community needs were required at a later time, the design would have "phase two capability" for an additional structure on the other side of the covered outdoor area, Aarbo said.

Late last summer, the chamber discussed building a replica station after it was determined that purchasing, moving and renovating the former Mynam train station would be extremely costly. The project was shunted onto "a siding to await the results of soil tests at two possible sites, and was left to idle there for the winter.

Now, with test results in hand and just over \$50,000 in the bank earmarked for the project, the chamber is ready to dig it out and discuss the steps that need to be taken to get it back on the main line.

Memberships coming in

Sharon Smith reported that "memberships are coming in really well," with 36 memberships to that date and more coming in daily. The fax fan-out will be updated accordingly.

Speakers well received

The presentation by AGM guest speakers

Pat Burns and Riley Georgson was well received by chamber members. The idea of having a youth group spearhead activities was felt to be a good one, and Jonny Nielsen reminded the chamber about the Elk Point Leos, who held a number of very well attended video dances and raised "substantial money." He said there are "still some very active young people around town who

might be interested," although they "might need a kick start to get going again."

SWOT rescheduled

One step in that direction has been to invite the youths to the SWOT session, which has been rescheduled to April 18 and 20 so that County of St. Paul Division 1 and 2 councillors will be able to attend.

\$20 million boost for Alberta's libraries

Alberta's libraries will be able to purchase new materials or develop community-based literacy programs as a result of \$20 million in one-time funding.

The funding recognizes the changing role of libraries and the growing demand for both traditional and new library services, including inter-library loans, online services, non-print formats, and increased borrowing.

Libraries may use the funding to enhance literacy and computer literacy

programs for new Canadians, people who cannot read conventional print, seniors, and children. It may also be used to provide programs, purchase computers and equipment to make online resources and services more accessible in the community, or streamline service delivery.

The funds will be distributed through per capita grants and selected special projects. Application forms are currently being made available to all libraries.

Busy summer coming up in Elk Point

I would like to start this column by sharing the town's infrastructure goals for the coming year. As everyone probably already knows we are forging ahead with a new subdivision west of 57th and 58th Avenue, which is right across the creek bed east of Circle Drive. We have planned for the future with 68 lots in this subdivision to be developed in three phases. The first phase of 18 lots will be serviced as soon as possible and will be put up for sale. The current playground that was developed by area residents will remain on the lot where it is already situated. Other phases will follow when needed. This is a very important step in planning for the future growth of Elk Point. As part of this upgrade we will be doing some sewer tie in work along 56th Ave.

Other projects slated are an upgrade of the sewer, water, pavement, curbs and gutters on 56a Ave. and the redoing of the corner at 54 St. and 50 Ave. as well as some work on 54 St. We are also installing two water pressure valves in a couple of places to rebalance the flow rates and get higher flows to some areas including the industrial section.

Between the new subdivision service installation and the other infrastructure projects it looks like it will be a very busy summer.



thomas
KONDLA

Town Council update

I also want to dedicate some time to talking about the partnership between the Town and the Elk Point Economic Development Committee which is a division of the chamber of commerce. The town supports this very important endeavour and gives accolades to the group that got this started and has a strong vision of making Elk Point a better place to live.

That being said, neither the town nor the Economic Development Committee can move this vision ahead without the help of the residents of the community and surrounding area. On January 28th and 29th a group of 16 people were involved in taking four Basic Economic Development courses. This was a very enlightening experience and showed us the power a community can have if it plans and maps the

direction it wants to go in the future. The next part of this process will be to have a major two-evening community strategy planning session. These two sessions will be the most important four hours of the future of our community. We need as many people as we can get out to these sessions so we can set a definite sustainable direction for the future of our town. This will be somewhat of a "dream building" session where everyone's dreams, visions and goals for our community will be taken very seriously. We need the involvement of everyone from teenagers to seniors at this session in order to make it work the best for the community. All we are asking is two hours for two nights of people's time to develop a very strong community plan. Every one will be treated with the same importance at this planning session and every one will be heard. Walter DeSilva has been hired to facilitate this planning session and he has developed a unique way to ensure everyone will be heard. It will be a fun and exciting time and I hope you will take some time out of your busy schedule to attend these sessions. The plan that we develop will come from

the people and will form a road map for town council to follow for many years to come. The dates will be advertised as soon as they are confirmed. A community has many eyes and many dreams and we need to streamline this into one vision and one strategic plan.

At our last town council meeting we decided to move ahead with some very strong incentives to help in the future growth of our community. The first incentive will see no taxes levied the first year or the second year of any new residential, commercial or industrial building projects. We have also scrapped the previous demolition fee for tearing down old buildings in town and will be moving more aggressively to get owners to either upgrade or remove unsightly buildings in the

community.

We also have some new signage we are working on to be placed on the highways to aggressively start marketing our new lots. Another project we are working on in partnership with the Chamber/EDO Committee is some very strong advertising announcing the strengths of our community and reasons for families to want to live here. These will go into surrounding town papers as well in a leading Ft. McMurray newspaper.

We are also partnering with the Chamber/EDO Committee and several business owners in the community to do an evening celebration in "Salute to Our Energy Sector". This is tentatively scheduled for the end of April or early May. Date and location will be announced as soon as they

can be confirmed.

To end this column I want everyone to know that planning for Canada Day has already begun and our next Canada Day meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 4 at 7:00 pm at the FCCS building south of the Elks Hall. We could definitely use MORE help and encourage any one that could give us a hand in planning or that has any ideas to join us that evening. Plans will also be starting very shortly to work on Elk Point's Centennial which will take place in 2007. This will be a MAJOR undertaking and we need as much help as we can get to make this event a memorable one.

Thanks for taking time out of your hectic schedule to read this column and I really hope we see you at the community planning sessions!

Canada Day planning well underway as events confirmed

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

They have only had two meetings, the second with only five members able to make it through the snow to take part, but already the Elk Point Canada Day Committee is able to confirm that some of the projected events for July 1 will indeed be on the program.

Dave Pilisko told the group that the Farm Survival race which proved so popular in its first run last year, will be back and will be sponsored by UFA once again.

Another popular attrac-

tion, the Christian Community Church pie tent, will also be open for business that day.

Thomas Kondla reported that preliminary planning for the afternoon stage show is going well, and predicted that the show will "probably be bigger and better."

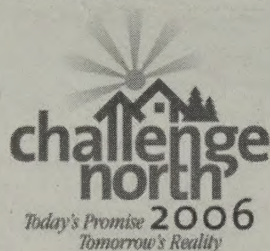
Gardeners in Elk Point will get a little help in preparing their yards for the House and Yard Decorating competition, with guidelines to what the judges will be looking for going out in town water bills in early May. They will also be published in the Review to give

everyone an opportunity to decorate their yards accordingly.

Deanna Easthope was happy to announce that this year, the Canada Day fireworks show will take place on July 1, as the holiday ends with a big bang.

The committee has sent in their application for a federal grant toward the celebration, and plans to send out fundraising letters in April in search of corporate and club donations.

Watch for further details and confirmations after the next Canada Day committee meeting on April 4.



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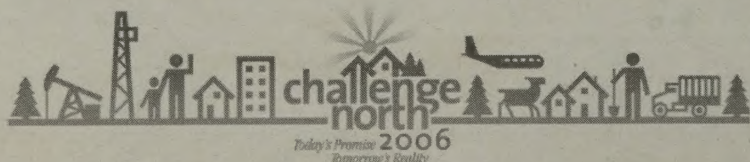
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Residents urged to practice safe snow shoveling

INFORMATION SUBMITTED

If you have a heart condition or are not physically fit, shoveling snow can lead to an injury such as a lower back strain, or even worse, a heart attack, cautions Dr. David Johnson, Medical Officer of Health for Aspen Regional Health.

"Use a snowblower or get a fit individual, say a teen in the neighbourhood, to do the job for you if you are not up to shoveling," says Dr. Johnson.

When shoveling snow, it is important to:

- Clear snow early and often. Begin when a light covering of snow is on the ground to avoid shoveling packed, heavy snow.
- Push the snow instead of lifting to avoid strain on your back. If you must lift, bend from your knees

instead of your back.

■ Ensure that your shovel is the correct size for you and not too heavy.

Dr. Johnson also advises caution in the use of snowblowers. Here are some tips to help reduce the risk of injury:

- Shut off the engine prior to making adjustments or clearing clogged snow from the machine.
- Keep children and pets away from the area being cleared.
- Whirling blades can pick up objects such as stone and throw them with considerable force.
- Never add fuel when the engine is running or hot.
- Wear proper footwear and dress appropriately.
- Clean debris from the area being cleared prior to starting.
- Don't allow children to

operate a snowblower.

Remember to keep your walks clean but use common sense when clearing the snow away.

Good effort by Crusader

INFORMATION SUBMITTED

F. G. Miller High School student Brendan Bishop participated in the CanSpell Spelling Bee in Edmonton on February 25. He made it into the fourth round, when he was defeated by the word, "Bolsheviz." As a result, he tied for 13th out of 70 spellers.

The winner of the spelling bee was Finola Hughes from Tofield, who also won last year's contest, going on to compete in Ottawa and Washington, DC. She will be traveling to both cities again this year.

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Talent show returns to Elk Point under new name

By DEE PANKIW

Review Contributor

April 1, 2006 will see a returning show with a new name.

The Edmonton Northlands Youth Talent Explosion has become the Northern Star Search. It will be held in the F. G. Miller High School gym at 7:00 p.m.. Klondike Days has become Capital Ex, and the Explosion has become a Star Search, but this community still has the opportunity to see a great show.

As in past years, we expect singers, musicians, dancers and other performers to entertain the audience and impress the judges. Those who impress the most will go on to compete at the Capital Ex in

Edmonton in July. Winners from there can go on to Toronto in the fall.

We are currently booking contestants in three age categories. Youngsters aged five to eight will perform in the Junior Showcase. Those aged nine to 12 will compete in the Junior category. The Youth category is open to entrants aged 13 to 21. Past years have had entries varying from classical piano players to rock bands, with country vocalists, guitarists, violinists and dramatic monologues as well.

All categories are open to individuals and groups in the age categories-singers, musicians, dancers, and variety performers. We are hoping to have many of those who competed last year besides-as has been the case

in each former show-a whole new group of very talented contenders. In the past we have hosted break dancers, Native performers, comedians, and one year even a magician!

The talent show, with its opportunity for young area performers to go on to further competition and to receive feedback from experienced talent judges, is always a good show. This is the stage where we first saw in Elk Point performers like Daniel Gervais, Brett Kissel, and Clayton Bellamy. You never know what future stars may come out to entertain us at this year's event.

This year's event is being hosted by the F. G. Miller Class of 2006, and will again be produced by Dee Pankiw on behalf of

Lakeland College scholarships and awards. Proceeds will go to the fund the spring prom and fall grad ceremony, and support awards to adult students returning to college to further their education.

Hosted by the grad class and Lakeland College, sanctioned by Edmonton Northlands, supported by Cat Country, and showcasing the best young talent around, this year's performance should again be a success. Several businesses and industries in this area are being asked for donations of cash, door prizes, and other help with the event.

Tickets will be available at the door. Entries can be made by phoning Dee at 724-2250. Deadline for entries is March 29th.

Five clubs compete in 4-H District Public Speaking at Goodridge

By VICKI BROOKER

Staff Writer

The judges had a challenging job in Goodridge Community Hall on Sunday as they picked the winners from among the top 4-H public speakers from the five clubs that make up the St. Paul 4-H District.

Four seniors, five intermediate age speakers and five juniors took part in that part of the program, while a team of seniors and a single junior, all from the Elk Point 4-H Multi Club, also had the opportunity to show judges Raymond Guilbault and Sharon Brousseau their skills.

Seniors Bryant Schnurer and Derek Wruth demonstrated how to survive in the outdoors while junior member Darren Tymofichuk showed how to build and launch a bottle rocket. All three of these presenters received awards from Tri-Ag, St. Paul.

Senior speakers were judged by Harold Ross, Calvin Leckie and Robert Tymofichuk, who gave the first place nod to Danica Dallaire of St. Lina 4-H Club, whose prepared speech on the delights of living "In the Middle of Nowhere" was followed up by an impromptu on the folly of drinking and driving.

Kaila Kissel of the St. Paul 4-H Light Horse Club spoke on the plight of third-world youngsters in "Giving a Child a Voice," and discussed the pros and cons of abortion in her impromptu to place second. Anthony Bilodeau of Goodridge 4-H and Coralynne Brousseau of St. Paul Beef Club also took part in the senior competition.

"The Survival of the Fittest," a look at the problems faced in the first year of

junior high, was discussed by Kelsey Kissel to win first place in the Intermediate division. Her impromptu was in the same vein, speaking on the problem of bullying in schools. Second place went to Ian Brousseau of St. Paul Beef, who spoke on the uncertainties of farming in "Beneath the Plow," followed up by an impromptu on the benefits of the D.A.R.E. program. Robyn Ockerman of Elk Point, Lianne Dallaire of St. Lina

and Shelby Bilodeau of Goodridge also spoke in the Intermediate group, which was judged by Sharon Boorse, Joyce Nesimuik and Mike Richter.

Bullying was the topic of choice for the winning speech in the Junior division, with Shaylin Shapka adding an impromptu on "My Family." Second place in the competition judged by Linda Boone, Yvonne St. Arnault and Albina Brousseau went to Shaina Vallee of St. Lina,

who spoke on the "Unique but Wonderful" woman who is her grandmother, with an impromptu on the many ways to spend a million dollars. Zacharie Smith of St. Paul Beef, Taylor Cochrane of Elk Point Multi Club and Ashley Mathiot of Goodridge also spoke in the Junior division.

Servus Credit Union sponsored all three first place awards, while St. Paul District 4-H Council sponsored the second place

plaques for senior and intermediate winners and Goodridge 4-H Beef Club the second place junior award.

Representatives of all four judging teams said they were impressed by all the speakers, who did a fine job.

Mistress of ceremonies for the afternoon was Melody Kwiatkowski, while Henry Lefebvre and Aline Lefebvre were timers and Cecile Mathiot served as teller.



Taking their place in the spotlight at Sunday's District 4-H Public Speaking competition were, back row, left to right, Kaila Kissel, St. Paul Light Horse Club, Danica Dallaire, St. Lina, Bryant Schnurer, Darren Tymofichuk and Derek Wruth, all from Elk Point Multi Club, Ian Brousseau, St. Paul Beef Club, front row, left to right, Shaylin Shapka, and Kelsey Kissel, both from St. Paul Light Horse Club, and Shaina Vallee, St. Lina.

VICKI BROOKER PHOTO

Don't take chances with your medication

INFORMATION SUBMITTED

March 6 to 10 is National Pharmacist Awareness Week. This week is dedicated to sensitizing the general public to the dangers related to taking medication, no matter what type of medicines these are.

A study demonstrated that barely half of all patients follow their treatment exactly as it was prescribed, and for the duration prescribed. As for over-the-counter medication, numerous cases of harmful medicinal interactions are reported each year. In fact, some 15% of hospitalizations are caused by undesirable reactions to medications or to problems related to pharmacotherapy.

Mainly, this is the result of patients neglecting to check with their pharmacists about the possible reactions when combining over-the-counter medication and pre-

scribed medication. Even natural products, vitamins and nutritional supplements taken with prescribed drugs can produce undesirable results.

Expired medications stored endlessly in your personal medicine cabinet are just as dangerous. These medications can cause accidental poisoning, and constitute a danger for the environment if they are thrown in the garbage or in the sewers. Return all expired drugs to your pharmacist for disposal.

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EDITORIAL

TIC location: a 20-year decision?

It will be 20 years next week since Ron Barwick, the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce tourism director at the time, made a tentative suggestion that the chamber should consider moving the tourist information centre to a more accessible location.

That was a request which not only resulted in a three-hour special meeting later that year, but in a discussion that came up year after year after year for more than a decade and a half, somewhat reminiscent of the "Groundhog Day" movie.

Study after study was done, with potential sites ranging from beside the south welcome sign to beside the Peter Fidler statue. At one point we decided to leave the facility where it was but add on washrooms, a plan foiled by inaccessible sewer lines, even if we did have grant money for the renovations. We did get the interior revamped, back in the late 1980s, but since then, one new coat of stain was about it for upgrades.

It was a minor miracle when the TIC actually did make the move, in June 2002, to a new location.

Some may have thought all discussion would end at that point, but it would seem we were all so used to talking about moving the facility that its possible relocation still crept into the conversation at chamber meetings.

It's back on the agenda again these days, and possibly there's something to be said for continuity.

When the TIC does make its final move, will the chamber be at a loss for a long-running subject to take its place as the perennial bone of contention?

WAY BACK WHEN...

Annexation, arterial road, armed robbery

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE ELK POINT REVIEW AND LAKELAND REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 7 IN...

1986

A land annexation hearing studied the details of an application to annex the east half of SW 1/4 -7-57-6-W4, directly east of the industrial subdivision, and NW 1/4 -7-57-6-W4, north of the industrial subdivision, with a letter expressing concerns regarding the first of these parcels passed along to the Local Authorities Board for their consideration. Elk Point's proposed general municipal plan, featuring a curved traffic collector road through residential areas and an arterial road circling the south and west boundaries was presented to the public at an open house.

1991

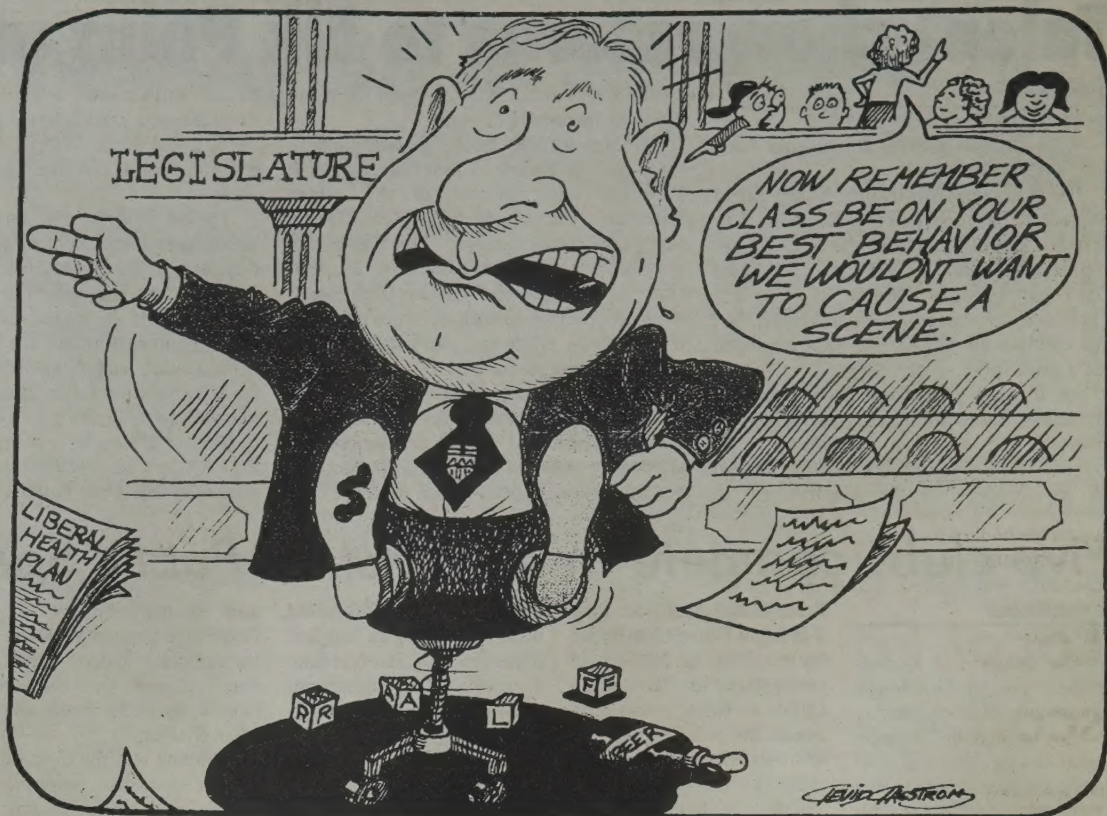
Town council studied a \$1.7 million infrastructure upgrading project which engineers felt still might not entirely solve Elk Point's storm drainage problems. The community cultural building society reviewed input from nine organizations, with doubts expressed by some as to the sustainability of such a facility.

1996

Eighteen small businesses, including six from the Elk Point area, were part of the St. Paul / Smoky Lake Business and Community Development Corporation's Entrepreneur Showcase at the Elks Hall. Four Edmonton men were charged after an armed robbery at the Derwent Scotiabank.

2001

Michelle Leckie, Randy Wruth and Janice Tymofichuk were named the top speakers at Elk Point 4-H Multi Club's annual public speaking competition. Liberal candidate Vital Ouellette went head-to-head with PC candidate Ray Danyluk at a pre-election forum in Heinsburg where they were quizzed on their views regarding agriculture, education and health care.



GUEST COLUMN

Importance of being understood

There are many times in life that each one of us wishes we were understood. When you think about it, the words we use when we communicate with another person need to have the same meaning to the person hearing the words we are using. If this is not the case, then basically, we are not understood.

In other words, the way we see the world is basically the way we are. The world around us can be different, but we don't see it that way because the way we see it is the way we are.

To give you an example, and on a lighter note, let me share a story I read in Stephen R. Covey's new book: "The 8th Habit." A farmer went into his attorney's office wanting to file for divorce from his wife. The attorney asked, "May I help you?" to which the farmer replied, "Yeah, I want to get one of those dayvorses." The attorney said, "Well, do you have any grounds?" and the farmer said, "Yeah, I got about 140 acres." The attorney said, "No, you don't understand. Do you have a case?" and the farmer replied, "No, I don't have a Case but I have a John Deere." And the attorney said, "No, you really don't understand. I mean do you have a grudge? And the farmer replied to that, "Yeah, I got a grudge. That's where I park my John Deere." The attorney, still trying, asked, "No sir, I mean do you have a suit?" The farmer replied, "Yes, sir. I got a suit. I wear it to church on Sundays." The exasperated and frustrated attorney said, "Well, sir, does your wife beat you up or anything?" The farmer replied, "No, sir, We both get up about 4:30." Finally the attorney says, "Okay. Let me put it this way. WHY DO YOU WANT A DIVORCE?" And the farmer says, "Well, I can never have a meaningful conversation with her."

One question probably would be: "What are your expectations of a meaningful conversation with your wife?" Now, how do you think the farmer would answer that question? He probably would say, "She doesn't listen to me and she doesn't understand me."

Actually, the listening skill is one most of us are not very good at. For example, when a person starts to tell us something, how often do we jump in with our example that

means something to us. Or, we could even make sure we give a suggested solution. This probably happens more often than we want to admit. So naturally, it is easy to understand, if we are not really listening, the person could go away feeling he/she is not understood.

Stephen R. Covey says: "The human need to feel understood is like the lungs' need for air. If all the air were suddenly sucked out of the room you are in, how motivated would you be to get air? Would you be interested in having a discussion or working out some difference between you and everyone else? Of course not. You'd want just one thing. You'd be open to other things only after you got air. Feeling understood is the equivalent of psychological air."

What Covey goes on to explain is that as we work with others, solutions to situations are only made possible when everyone feels they have been understood. Then together, after each person understands the other person's point of view, a mutual acceptable solution can be worked out. Most communication breakdowns are a product of how people define words. You need to listen for understanding, and don't fight over words which are only symbols of meaning.

So there you go. To be understood is something we all want and need.

Covey says: "To truly listen means to transcend your own autobiography, to get out of your frame of reference, out of your own value system, out of your own history and judging tendencies, and to get deeply into the frame of reference of viewpoint of another person. This is called emphatic listening. It is a very, very rare skill."

May we all take time to listen.



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from the FCSS desk

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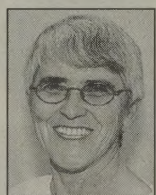
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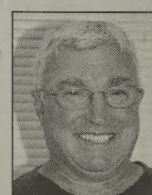
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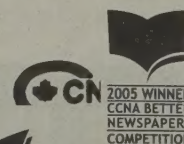
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U of A rookies balance academics and athletics

By Kristi Patton
Staff Writer

Local University of Alberta student athletes Travis Lindquist and Amy Millar have had a rookie year filled with ups and downs.

"Track has been great experience just because as my rookie year it has been incredible," says high-jumper Travis Lindquist. "The team took me to the Cargill track meet in Winnipeg; I've been to Saskatoon and just last weekend I was (in Edmonton) at CanWest, so it has been some big track meets."

The Elk Point local is a former member of the North East Alberta Track and Field team and always had a goal of competing at a post-secondary level.

Competing for the U of A Bears Lindquist was ranked second heading into

the Canada West Track and Field Championships held on Feb. 24 to 25.

Lindquist won a bronze medal with a finishing score of 1.89 metres, only 4 centimetres off first place. Only the gold and silver medalists move onto the Canada Interuniversity Sport championships. Although Lindquist won't be moving on this year, he did earn four points for the team event which the Bears won.

"In high jump it is always really close anyone can take it and we were all ranked so close," says Lindquist of his performance at CanWest.

As a first-year student in the demanding engineering program Lindquist has to find time to balance both academics and athletics.

"Engineering takes a lot of time on its

own. For the first-year they have 700 students and then they weed it down to 400, so it is very competitive," he says. "Doing track and field as well I am always busy."

For local athlete Amy Millar the year has been filled with a little more downs after being ranked number one in the long jump she sustained an injury preventing her from competing in the CanWest championships.

"It's been an interesting ride because I have been injured for about a month and a half," said Millar who injured her back and has tendonitis in her achilles tendon. "I was ranked after my first competition as first in CanWest and 8th in CIS. That actually made me really happy as only a rookie ranked with girls that have been going to university for four years."

Millar is a first-year Physical Education and Recreation student that saw great success competing with the Lloydminster Split City Sonics and competing in the Canada Summer Games last August.

Contending at high levels over the summer, Millar said she was use to the level of competition in post-secondary and has been working hard at balancing a tougher academic workload.

"I see a ton of talent in both Amy and Travis and they both have done well," says

U of A head track and field coach, Georgette Reed.

Coming from Reed, a former Canadian Olympian, Pan-American and Commonwealth Games team member, it is a huge compliment.

"Amy had problems with injuries and we didn't want to push her this year because we want her to be healthy, we want her to be well for the years to come. Travis did well for his first year adjusting technical things and fixing little things to jump bigger and we are looking forward to see him moving up in the CIS rankings, hopefully onto a CIS championship next year."

Reed says rookies spend the first year learning the system and how to be a student athlete and move from being a high school student to post-secondary student.

The U of A track team provides access to the athletes for tutoring and the university itself has initiatives such as student mentoring and classes on how to write papers and exams for the athletes.

"Definitely (Lindquist and Millar) have shown they talent for jumps there are just the other things we need to work around now like school and injuries to make sure they are healthy and are successful at CanWest and CIS next year," says Reed.

Local Pontiacs player nabs scoring race

By Kristi Patton
Staff Writer

Bonnyville Pontiacs centre Mark Letestu is amongst good company.

The NHL's Dany Heatly, Mike Comrie, Fernando Pisani, Darryl Sutter and now Letestu all share a common bond.

Each have won the Ernie Love Trophy for the Alberta Junior Hockey League Scoring Leader.

"That's obviously when you start out who you want to be and it's nice to be mentioned in the same breath as people like that. It's definitely something to be happy about," said Letestu.

The Elk Point born Letestu was awarded the 2005-2006 trophy after recording a league leading 50 goals and 105 points in 58 games.

As the middleman between teammates Dylan Wiwchar and Bonnyville local Justin Fontaine, all three were all vying for the title of scoring leader throughout the year.

"I think having talented players around myself makes it easier to put up points especially with the skill those two have we all want to see each other do really well," said Letestu.

Wiwchar finished the year off in third with 88 points in 60 games and Fontaine with 81 points in 50 games.

"(Letestu) has been a rock at both ends of the ice since day one, and now that we've been able to surround him with more talent than in years past, he's finally receiving recognition that he's always deserved," said Pontiac General Manager and Head Coach Jeff Pister, in a press release.

In the 2004-2005 campaign with the Pontiacs, Letestu's knack for scoring landed him in third place in the scoring leader race with 83 points in 63 games.

"It's definitely a good feeling, it is something I have worked for the past three years and it was a goal of mine," said Letestu of finally winning the race.

against the Grande Prairie Storm. This time the Pontiacs hope for a different outcome learning from their regular season record of five losses and only one win over the Storm.

"We lost in four games last year and I think from those losses we learn from our mistakes by playing their higher skilled players tighter and eliminate them so our chance for success increases," said Letestu of the upcoming playoff series.

With three of the top five scorers in the AJHL, the Pontiacs will be playing Game 3 in the best-of-five series Tuesday March 7 at 7:30 p.m. in Bonnyville.

"It's a feeling of success and gives me a good feeling going into the playoffs."

The 21-year-old centre and team captain, was a member of the 2005-06 AJHL North Division All-Star Team and represented the Pontiacs on the AJHL North Division Selects Team, which won the 2006 Viking Cup Tournament.

Letestu also had the opportunity to attend Western Michigan of the CCHA this past season, but chose to commit and defer until 2006-2007.

The Pontiacs finished the season in fifth place in the AJHL North Division and are repeating their last season round one match up

Delayed draws made

INFORMATION SUBMITTED

Because the Community Lions of Elk Point had not sold 150 tickets for their Trip of the Month Club by the end of January, they extended their first draw

date, drawing for both January and February on February 24.

January's winners were Roland and Doria Moneta for the trip to Negril, Jamaica, Brandi Breen and Justin Malachowski, \$100 cash, and Norm Brown, \$100 cash.

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Hillbillies back

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The teenage girls, played by Angie Thomas, Dorinda DeGagne and Chelsea Richards, are also willing to overlook the Clampetts' backwoods ways, at least when it comes to Jethro, and for Col. Foxhall and his lovely accomplice Emaline (Kloe Coleman), they can see a sucker coming from several hills back.

The revamped version of the play has a catchy musical twist, with three original songs and two old-time favourites with updated lyrics written by the play's musical director, Udo Mueller. The opening "Ballad of Jed Clampett," performed by Flatt and Scruggs in the TV series, and on the Elk Point stage by Lawrence Pidluzny, will set audience's toes tapping,

but the all-out enthusiasm of the whole cast's final nip of "Mountain Dew" is guaranteed to have them wanting to get up and dance.

"Hillbillies" is produced and directed by Don Conrad, with Lawrence Pidluzny as the facility coordinator and program producer, Rob Walker in charge of lighting and sound, Ellen Seward in charge of makeup and Mabel Gottenbos and Dixie Coleman overseeing the costumes.

For those who weren't fortunate enough to obtain tickets, we'll be back at the end of the run with more pictures and a review of the show.

For now, we'll just say that it looks like the Choir and Friends have another huge hit on their hands.



Ruffled feathers

Cousin Pearl's got her feathers ruffled, and it's not only because Jethro drove through the henhouse on the way in. It's Jed's sudden wealth that's got her slurping down smelling salts as Elly May, Jethro, Grannie and Jed fuss over her.



The ladies aren't happy!

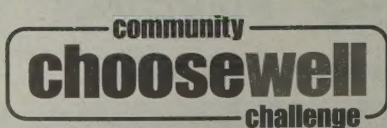
The men may think the Clampett clans' move to Beverly Hills is a good idea, but the ladies at both ends of the transaction aren't enchanted with the idea. At left, Mrs. Drysdale (Debbie Lawrence) berates husband Milburn (John Sieben), "How could you?" while at right, Grannie, at the other end, tells son-in-law Jed, "If the good Lord had wanted me in Californy, he'd have put me there!"

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Young stars on A. G. Ross Arena's ice are, back row, Natasha Demers, Amber Stanley, Kaitlyn Magosse, Ashton Ewasiuk, and front, Elizabeth Orr. All five have represented Elk Point very well at recent competitions.

VICKI BROOKER PHOTO

Skaters compete in Lloydminster, St. Paul

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Five members of Elk Point Skating Club recently took part in two competitions, bringing home a number of medals.

At "Skate on the Border," a North East Region closed competition held in Lloydminster January 27 to 29, Natasha Demers won gold in the Spin Spiral Jump A, Flight 5. Ashton Ewasiuk won silver in the Pre-preliminary Ladies Elements Flight 3, and Elizabeth Orr received silver in both the Pre-preliminary Ladies Free Skate Flight 2 and Preliminary Dance, where Natasha placed ninth. Elizabeth and Natasha both placed sixth in the Preliminary Creative Flight 2, with Amber Stanley placing ninth. in that competition. Amber was fifth in the fourth flight of the Spin Spiral Jump, while Kaitlyn Magosse was seventh in Flight 3.

Ashton was sixth in the Pre Preliminary Ladies Free Skate Flight 3, ninth in the Junior Bronze Dance and fourth in Preliminary Creative, Flight 3. Kaitlyn was fifth in Flight 1.

Amber, Ashton, Kaitlyn and Natasha also took part in the Pre-preliminary team event.

The five skaters traveled to St. Paul February 25 and 26 to compete in North East Regional open competition at the Snowflake Spintacular.

At that event, Ashton was first in the Pre-preliminary Elements, Flight 1, while Elizabeth placed second in the Preliminary Elements Flight 1. Natasha placed first in Flight 7 of the Spin Spiral Jump, while Kaitlyn was fourth and Amber fifth in Flight 6 of that event.

In Flight 1 of Preliminary Creative, Kaitlyn was third and Ashton fourth, while in Flight 2, Natasha placed third and Amber fifth. Elizabeth placed fourth in Flight 1 of Bronze Creative.

Ashton was seventh in Pre-preliminary Free Skate Flight 1, with Elizabeth fourth in Flight 2.

Elk Point teammates Amber, Ashton, Kaitlyn and Natasha placed first in the Star Skate A team event.

The girls have also gone to Cold Lake for test days in dance and skills, and have had a successful year in their test programs.

The skating year will wind up on Friday, March 17, when instead of the traditional ice carnival, they will host a Family Skate Showcase for family and invited guests. The evening will include a performance of what each skater has learned, followed by a potluck supper and family skate.

There are a total of 22 members in the skating club this year.

Hockey season winding down

Have you ever noticed how this happens every year?

Everyone is so gung ho in September and October, we can never get the ice in soon enough, but once March rolls around so has much of the enthusiasm. The minor hockey season is starting to wind down. Only the Midget Girls Storm and the Bantam Colts are left playing.

The Midget Girls Storm played their final round of playoffs against Hardisty, losing the series. Glendon product Melanie Cadrin scored two goals for the Storm. Melanie has been a great addition to the Storm

this year, playing on a forward line or dropping back on defense. She can skate, stickhandle, has a great shot and comes to play with a



doug BASSETT
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positive attitude every game. Catherine "The Great" Campbell scored the only other goal, and there were two assists for Tellia "Coast to coast" Loughran.

This weekend the Storm are entered into a tourna-

ment in Cold Lake.

Coming up this Thursday night in Elk Point, the Bantam Colts will be hosting either Glendon or Smoky Lake in their second round of league playoffs. And coming up this weekend is the annual six-team Last Hurrah Hockey Beer League Tournament starting Friday night at 8 p.m. and running all day Saturday with the finals on Sunday. Come on out and watch the battle of the bulge.

And don't forget to stay tuned for next week's special edition with Bantam Colts players' profiles before they go off to the provincial final in Oyen.

And now for the K.A.

Campbell's quote of the week: "Life is just a place where we spend time between games." Last week's answer to: "I thought he was just going to ask for more ice time." - Tampa Bay general manager Phil Esposito after Lightning player Alexander Selivanov asked his boss if it was okay if he married Esposito's daughter, Carrie.

Do you have any scoops? Now you can email them to sportshound007@hotmail.com

Bronze medal for St. Paul 55+ women's curling team

By PAUL BOISVERT
Sec/Treas. LSGA Zone 7

The 55+ women's curling team, which represented the Lakeland Senior Games Association at the Alberta 55 Plus Winter Festival curling bonspiel, captured the bronze medal. Team members Maria Leskiw and Ollie Zapisocki from St. Paul combined with Lois Delamont and Sharon Matzanke of Cold Lake to achieve this success.

A total of 36 teams from the eight zones of ASCSRA took part in the spiel, which was held Feb. 17 - 19, in Camrose. Other teams representing this zone came from Vermilion (Mixed), Mannville (65+ men) and St. Paul (55+ men).

A series of events are being held across Alberta this winter as part of the Alberta 55 Plus Winter

Festival. Zone 7 is acting as hosts for three activities. Floor curling will be held in Bonnyville at the end of March. Vermilion is hosting Military Whist and Snooker on March 16 and 17. Events which remain open to any persons aged 55+ who are members of ASCSRA include X-C skiing and Alpine skiing which will both be held at the Nakiska

Ski Resort on March 29th. For more information about the skiing events, call Jack Delorme at (403) 275-5276 or Doug Kyle at (403) 255-7932.

The next LSGA Funday will be held in Vegreville on March 15. Watch this newspaper for information about this event or contact Eva at (780) 645-3531.

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Ropin' the Web connects products and services to producers

Along with containing volumes of information, Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development's Ropin' the Web webpage is a great vehicle for connecting producers in the four western provinces to products and services.

"If you'd like to buy hay, straw or pasture, or you have some to sell, you can post a listing under the general store section of the website, making that information available to anyone visiting the website," says Betty Birch, communications coordinator, Ag-Info Centre, Stettler. "The list is set up according to location, making it easy to connect buyers and sellers."

There is also a livestock section giving those looking to buy or sell animals an opportunity to post about what they have to offer. This is for agricultural production related animals only (no pets) and contains animals ranging from bison to llamas.

Services such as land clearing, grain drying, custom feeding, fencing or transportation can be offered in the custom services listing. People looking for services can go into the directory, find the service they need and make their own connections.

"To find these lists, look for the general store link on the homepage. You'll find these there plus several more," explains Birch. "If you want to add a product of your own,

there is a place in each list to go on-line to submit your product or service. The submissions are checked and posted as soon as possible. Postings remain for 60 days and then are automatically deleted. Producers can also phone the Ag-Info Centre to have information posted, or to ask any agriculture-related question, by calling 1-866-882-7677."

Other information posted to Ropin' the Web by the Ag-Info Centre includes:

* The Custom Rates Survey gives an idea of what custom rates are for various agricultural services in different areas of the province. This is not a definite rate that should be charged, but just a range of rates that are being used. The Custom Rates Survey can be found by clicking on crops on the homepage, then on cereals, then general.

* The organic growers directory is a way to get an idea of what's happening in the organic industry. It lists produc-

ers, products and processors, and will soon list retailers as well. Only certified organic producer or processors are included, and they must call the Ag-Info Centre to have their information added. This list is found by looking under general store, and the under services and products.

* The forestry/woodlot service listings are located in the general store under services and products as well. This directory provides basic information for primary and secondary wood-using industry in Alberta, as well as small woodlot operators. The information is aimed at individuals and woodlot owners who are involved in buying or selling wood products, looking for services, or obtaining information on woodlots.

Alberta Agriculture's Ropin' the Web internet site is located at www.agric.gov.ab.ca.

Contact: Betty Birch 1-866-882-7677

Stamps celebrate Canada's most popular hobby - gardening

Gardening is a matter of your enthusiasm holding up until your back gets used to it*

The official start of spring may still be a month away, but once again Canada Post is delivering the promise of a new season with stamps celebrating Canada's most popular hobby - gardening.

On March 8, post offices across the country will be

blooming with four new domestic rate (51¢) stamps featuring typical Canadian gardens.

Aching backs aside, gardening is the number one hobby in Canada and is second only to golf in the amount of money spent on a per capita basis. Gardening is a \$14 billion retail business - including nursery, landscaping, and greenhouse operations - that is

experiencing a 10 per cent annual growth. Gone are the days when there was a very limited plant choice, now every season sees a wider and wider range of flowers, trees, and shrubs available as garden plants; and seed catalogues list both heirloom, new and improved varieties of flowers and vegetables, and Canadians are enjoying every bloom.

These beautiful stamps will be launched on March 16 at the International Home and Garden Show/Successful Gardening Show in Toronto (March 16-19).

From the many types of gardens, four were selected for this set of stamps: flower, shade, rock and water.

The stamps, presented in a stunning booklet that features a blended landscape

image of the gardens, also introduce a 'critter' that is attracted to each type of garden. Toronto designer Debbie Adams notes that though the stamps highlight different gardens, they all share a common horizon and native plants.

"I'm pleased that these stamps demonstrate the growing trend of using plants that have too often been viewed as weeds," Adams added.

Andrew Leyerle photographed all the images used in the stamps at various Ontario gardens.

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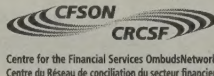
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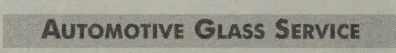
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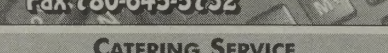
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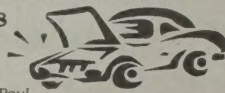
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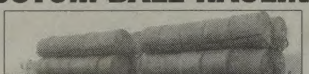
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Elk Point Further Education's Wednesday Afternoon Quilting group packed up their needles and pins and took their weekly projects to Elk Point Public Library where they enjoyed tea and goodies as they tied up two more quilts to be donated to worthy causes. Tying up a storm on a stormy afternoon were: Florence Bonifacio, seated and (back row, left to right) Grace Pinder, Iryne Buck, Irene Melin and Olga Musijowski. Not shown are Sandy Kummetz and Verona Lea Flanders.

VICKI BROOKER PHOTOS



Speedy stitching on display

The Wednesday quilters had several of the 19 quilts they have completed so far in 2006, on display at the library with some of the most recent quilting books that have joined the library's collection. REMINDER: Librarian Daphne Schnurer reminds all the seniors that the Seniors Tea will be held on Tuesday, March 14.

Traveling road show focuses on seniors' social well-being

By RACHEL DE WAAL

Staff Writer

Seniors throughout the county will be able to socialize, eat healthy food and play games when the Seniors Traveling Road Show comes to a nearby community hall.

"Seniors are a big part of our community," says Tammy Elkow from the County of St. Paul Family and Community Support Services. "They've done a lot for our communities and this day is a way of showing our appreciation."

The town and county FCSS departments developed the road show in response to a call for propos-

als by the federal government's New Horizons for Seniors Program. Their idea was approved and given \$25,000 in grant funding from Social Development Canada.

"The grant was available to get seniors active in the community," says Elkow. "Some seniors live in isolation and we're trying to get all seniors together, get them active, maybe help them make new friends."

The first road show arrives at the St. Paul Rec Centre March 14 and runs from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The day is free but seniors are asked to register

by phoning either the county FCSS at 645-3301 or town FCSS at 645-5311.

Elkow emphasizes that the event is still in the planning stage, but activities may include games like mini-golf, table hockey and racing remote-controlled vehicles through an obstacle course.

"It's an introduction to new games or other things they might be interested in," says Elkow.

The Canadian Diabetes Association has provided funding for nutritious snacks

and lunch at each event and Elkow says they hope to introduce seniors to healthy alternatives they may not have tried.

The day will include an information session, possibly music with the Glen Avon School choir and Racette School students will

be greeters.

"We also want to give seniors and youth a chance to get to know each other, maybe make friends," says Elkow.

She encourages seniors to come with a friend and take the opportunity to build relationships.

THANK YOU MARTINEAU, Lyle

We would like to thank the many friends of Lyle Martineau for their support during his illness and recent death. We would especially like to thank the Poitras family and his Jamboree friends for all the beautiful music at his funeral service. Words cannot adequately express our appreciation. From the children, brothers and sisters of Lyle.

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OBITUARY

LESYK
Kevin Richard



In Loving Memory And Now at
Peace May 22, 1970 - Feb 23, 2006

Kevin Richard Lesyk of Rimbey, AB passed away suddenly to a tragic vehicle accident. Kevin is predeceased by Paul Lesyk, Great Grandfather, and Uncle Donny Lesyk of Elk Point, AB, Uncle Pete Lesyk and Aunt Slone of Edmonton, AB. Kevin is predeceased by grandparents Charles Roberts and Ruth Roberts. Kevin is survived by his grandparents, Bill and Jean Lesyk of Elk Point, AB, Gary Richard Lesyk (father) and Donna Weinberger of Bonnyville, AB, Christine and Lorne Benjamin (mother and stepfather) of Blackfalds, AB, Shelly Lesyk (sister), Chantal and Danielle (nieces) of Blackfalds, AB, Shauna Depta his loving and faithful fiancée of Bluffton, AB, and his children who were his pride and joy, Cheyanne, Dustin and Gabrielle. Kevin was a very caring and proud father and was very devoted to his family. His huge heart made it hard not to love him so very much. Kevin will be loved for eternal infinity by all his aunts, uncles, cousins and friends from his early childhood years in Bonnyville and all his aunts, uncles, cousins and friends of central Alberta. Kevin will never be forgotten for his laugh, his passion for hunting, fishing and being in the mountains. He loved to be outside building and tinkering all the time. In his many years of hard work on the drilling rigs, he will be forever remembered for his dedication to his profession as a driller and all the friends he made along the way. Kevin had the gift to talk and could carry on many conversations, which gained him many, many friends in his lifetime. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a trust fund for Kevin's Children. Funeral Services were held from Wilson's Funeral Chapel Lacombe 6120 Highway 2A on Wednesday, March 1, 2006 at 1:00 P.M. Interment followed in the Lacombe Fairview Cemetery.

Wilson's Funeral Chapel serving central Alberta with locations in Lacombe and Rimbey in charge of the arrangements. (403)782-3366 or (403)843-3388.

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OBITUARY

ZAYONCE,
Elaine M.

On February 28, 2006, Mrs. Elaine M. Zayonce (Sheldon Antifacu) of Calgary; 1 sister, Diane (Ed) Babysh of Surrey, B.C.; 1 niece & 3 nephews, Kelly (Mike) McCafferty & their children, Kirah & Kristin of Surrey, B.C., Blaine Babysh of Surrey, B.C., David (Rhonda) Zayonce & their children, Tamsynn, Braedon, Quinton & Tristan of Wainwright & Michael Zayonce of Wainwright. She was predeceased by her husband, John in 1995.

She is survived by 1 daughter, Gwen Zayonce (Sheldon Antifacu) of Calgary; 1 sister, Diane (Ed) Babysh of Surrey, B.C.; 1 niece & 3 nephews, Kelly (Mike) McCafferty & their children, Kirah & Kristin of Surrey, B.C., Blaine Babysh of Surrey, B.C., David (Rhonda) Zayonce & their children, Tamsynn, Braedon, Quinton & Tristan of Wainwright & Michael Zayonce of Wainwright. She was predeceased by her husband, John in 1995.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, March 11 at 1:00 p.m. at Yewchin's Funeral Chapel, St. Paul. Cremation has taken place. If desired, donations may be made to Haying in the 30's (Cancer Support Society) or the charity of one's choice c/o Box 425, St. Paul.

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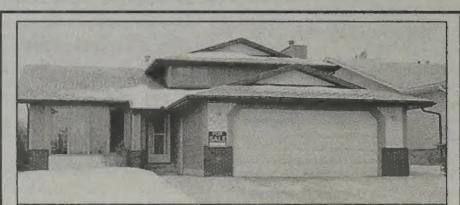
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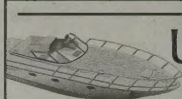
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